

## Mathematics

For maths this term, we will recap our learning on fractions by finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. We will also start to look at finding  $\frac{3}{4}$  of quantities. Next, we will look at doubling and halving numbers. To double and halve larger numbers, we will look at how we can partition numbers into tens and units to make it easier. This term, we will also be looking at ordering numbers from smallest to largest. We will learn more ways to help us add and subtract one- and two-digit numbers together, such as using an empty number line, where we write the numbers in ourselves, depending on what the number sentence is. We will also be introduced to using arrays to help work out problems using multiplication. Arrays are where we draw a number of dots in a number of rows (e.g.. 3x5 would be three rows of 5 dots). We can use our knowledge of counting in 5s to work out the answer.

**Home learning ideas:** Practise writing and spelling numbers correctly. Children can also practise using coins to pay for items.

## Computing

This term we will be learning how to animate the pages of a known story as an interactive storybook. We will be using a fairy tale that we have studied in English and recreate this using Purplemash, adding simple animations to make the pages move and play sound.

## Music

The children will focus on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, learning songs and using instruments to find out about rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics. They will also be introduced to music by varied composers, using the 'BBC Ten Pieces' resources.

## Religious Education

This term, we will be learning about Incarnation and Salvation and how they fit in to the 'Big Story' of the Bible. We will read stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and try to link these with the idea of Jesus rescuing people. We will look at the instructions Jesus gave to his people of how to live and behave. We will also learn how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter. We will discuss sadness and hope and link these to our own thoughts and feelings.

# Castles and Fairy tales

## History Topic - Royal Family

We will learn about different ruling monarchs, including the current royal family. We will learn about how life has changed through the ages. We will also be learning about the family tree for the current royal family.

## Science Topic— Plants

In science this term, we will identify and name a variety of common plants around the school grounds. We will identify and describe the basic structure of a plant by looking at roots, stems, trunks, leaves and flowers. We will also plant our own seeds in school, to help us learn about what plants need to grow.

## SMSC

This term, we will develop our cultural understanding through learning more about the Tudors. We will develop our social understanding by working in teams, listening to and showing respect to one another.

## British Values and Core Christian Values

This term, we are going to focus on the British Value of 'mutual respect.' Even though we may not always agree with other people, we must still try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings. This also links with our school Christian value of respect. We will not only think about showing respect to other people, but to the environment as well.

## English

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This term, our learning in English will continue to stem from fairy tales. We will read and compare various fairy tales, looking closely at the plot, setting and character descriptions. We will deepen our understanding through role play and shared writing. We are trying to check our writing more thoroughly by reading through our own writing and making improvements and corrections independently. When writing stories in particular, we are focusing on making sure that our sentences flow and the story is sequenced well.

We will also link our History topic in to our English lessons, by researching and writing facts about Medieval castles and what life was like living in a castle. We are still continuing to improve our use of capital letters, full stops and using lead-ins and lead-outs for our letters.

We will continue our daily phonics sessions, where we go over our phonics sounds and practise reading and writing by segmenting and blending the words.

**Home learning ideas:** Continue to read regularly at home and practise spellings. Children could also practise handwriting with the cursive script (copies available from Mrs Martin).

## Creative curriculum

This term, we will also our own self-portraits in the style used in Tudor times to make ourselves look like a Tudor monarch. We will also be learning about different methods of printing. We will be experimenting with making stencils and using these to create our art work.

## Physical Education

This term, we are concentrating on improving our ball skills. We will work on our throwing and catching techniques, as well as working on our control when bouncing the ball whilst travelling. This will lead us into playing team games, where we have to be aware of the rules and work together as a team. We will also work on building up our stamina by completing circuits of various exercises.